

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4847
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
FUNDS FOR MOBILE VANS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides funds to States for mobile vans for PDS;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds provided for this purpose during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the amount provided to States for this purpose is not sufficient;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government propose to increase the assistance for this purpose keeping in view to help the poor in hilly remote tribal areas and drought prone areas;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The details of funds provided for this purpose during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise is at Annexure.

(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g): Financial assistance is provided to States/UT Administrations for purchase of mobile vans/trucks under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (50% subsidy and 50% loan) 'Purchase of vans' on receipt of proposals from the State Governments after approval by Standing Finance Committee. The amount sanctioned to States for purchase of vans is according to the proposals seeking financial assistance received from the State Governments. The funds provided under the scheme are supplemental in nature and are meant to strengthen the PDS infrastructure in the States/UTs. There is no shortfall in the allocation of funds under the scheme.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a&b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTIN NO. 4847 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Amount provided Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.State/UT 1998-99 1999-2000 1999-2000

1. Arunachal Pradesh - 28.00 23.53

2. Assam 43.30 - -

3. Himachal Pradesh 80.00 - -

4. Kerala 128.28 - -

5. Maharashtra 417.22 54.275 -

6. Sikkim - - 31.10

7 Tripura 60.00 - 44.30

8. Uttar Pradesh 221.20 - -

9. Dadra & Nagar Haveli - 4.00 -

10. Pondicherry - 20.00 -

Total 950.00 106.275 98.93